**RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER**Attorney Docket
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Unit:

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Invention: A DUAL STAGE, HEAD STACK ASSEMBLY FOR A DISK DRIVE

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENT AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	58	MINUS	58	0	\$18	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	6	0	\$84	\$0

___ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of January 24, 2003 to and through April 24, 2003, comprising of an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

___ one month (\$110) ___ three months (\$930)
___ two months (\$410) ___ four months (\$1,450)

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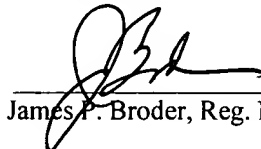
☒ No additional fee is necessary.

☒ The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1141, pertaining to 1) any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims; 2) any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

☒ Any additional extension of time required for the timely submission of this paper, the fees for which have not been previously paid, is hereby petitioned for and requested.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Williams, et al.)
Serial No: 09/768,975) Art Unit
Filed: January 23, 2001) 2653
For: A DUAL STAGE, HEAD STACK ASSEMBLY)
FOR A DISK DRIVE)
Examiner: Blouin, Mark)
Attorney Docket: Q01-1000-US1)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is to the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2003, should be accorded expedited treatment because it is filed within two months of the date of the Final Office Action. The Applicants have complied with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, and respectfully request that this Amendment and Response be considered after final rejection. The application is believed by the Applicants to be in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

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